

Minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2022

Present: Francis Murphy – Chair, James Monagle, Michael Gardner, Nadia Chamblin-Foster, John Shinkwin, Ellen Philbin, James Quirk, and Chris Burns.

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM. The meeting was digitally recorded. The entire meeting was conducted by Webex videoconference.

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes

Motion by Chamblin-Foster, seconded by Shinkwin to accept the regular minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2022. Voted unanimously.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Monagle to accept the executive session minutes of the meeting held on February 7, 2022. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 - Warrants

Motion by Monagle, seconded by Chamblin-Foster to accept payment of Warrant #4 in the amount of \$8,451,492.23 and Warrant #5 in the amount of \$392,940.34. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Superannuations

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Shinkwin to accept the Superannuation retirement applications submitted by Debra Deegan, Administrative Coordinator II, Cambridge Health Alliance with twenty-three years, four months; Leonard DiPietro, Superintendent Chief, Police Dept. with forty-three years, one month; Kenneth Fyfield, Supervisor, Dept. of Public Works, with fourteen years; John Gallagher, Firefighter with thirty-nine years; Arthur Goldberg, Deputy City Solicitor, Law Dept. with thirty-five years; Julianne King, Food Service Manager, Dept. of Human Services with twenty-four years, seven months; William Norton, Motor Equipment Operator II, Water Dept. with nineteen years, eleven months; Bryce Platt, Nurse Manager, Cambridge Health Alliance with twenty years, three months; and Daniel Reagan, Lieutenant, Police Dept. with forty years, five months. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 - Make-ups/Redeposits/Liability

The Board reviewed make-up and redeposit worksheets for five members.

Motion by Chamblin-Foster, seconded by Monagle to allow the make-up of deductions requested by Chrisa Cosenza, five months; Emily G. Martin, one month; Christopher G. Towski, seven months; and for Elin B. Weeman, one year, seven months. Voted unanimously.

Motion by Gardner, seconded by Shinkwin to allow the redeposit of a refund for Philecia F. Harris, ten years, one month. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 – Refund Applications

The Board reviewed a list of refund applications submitted in February.

Motion by Chamblin-Foster, seconded by Monagle to accept five refund applications. Voted unanimously.

The Chairman requested to adjourn the open meeting and go into executive session for the purpose of discussing disability retirement applications. The Chairman stated that the meeting would reconvene in open session the conclusion of the executive session. On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

John Shinkwin:	YES
Michael Gardner:	YES
Nadia Chamblin-Foster	YES
James Monagle:	YES

Francis Murphy: YES

Agenda Item #6 – PERAC Remand – David McKinley

The Board reviewed a letter from PERAC, remanding David McKinley’s Accidental Disability benefit approval, correspondence from Attorney Thomas Gibson, the certificate and narrative reports of three separate medical exams, the member’s application, treating physician’s statement and employer’s statement pertaining to his Accidental Disability application. Attorney Gibson appeared with David McKinley.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Gardner to reaffirm the Board’s action in granting Accidental Disability benefits to David McKinley, and to request that new evidence be submitted for consideration by PERAC. Voted unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 – PERAC Memos

The Board reviewed PERAC Memo #9. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #8 - Old Business

The Chairman stated that he would favor conducting hybrid meetings starting in April, and that he planned to attend in-person starting with the April meeting. He stated that he would be comfortable allowing any Board members or presenters to continue attending remotely at least until July.

The Chairman noted that MACRS has scheduled their spring conference for the second week in June, which would conflict with the current date scheduled for the June Board meeting. Motion by Gardner, seconded by Shinkwin to move the date of the June meeting to June 6th. Voted unanimously.

Motion by Shinkwin, seconded by Gardner to move the start time for all future meetings to 11:00 AM. Gardner stated that he felt it was important that the Board maintain a hybrid component to allow the easiest possible access for members of the public. Voted unanimously.

Quirk stated that he had scheduled a hearing on the Ravanis case for March 9th.

Gardner stated that he and Monagle were reviewing materials related to the group classification for Emergency Communications Dispatchers. He stated that they would schedule a visit to the ECC center in the near future.

Agenda Item #9 - New Business

Not needed.

Agenda Item #10 – Executive Session

Agenda Item #6 – reaffirmed prior approval

Agenda Item #11 - Chairman’s Report

None offered.

Agenda Item #12 – Executive Director’s Report

The Director stated that all staff will return to full-time work in the office on March 11.

The staff is continuing to work on the Annual Statement. This should be ready for review by the Board at the April or May meeting.

The following documents were also reviewed by the Board:

- Notice of Retiree Deaths
- BLB&G Q4 2021 Report
- Manager/Vendor Disclosures – Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity Fund, Ascent Venture Partners V, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman, Brandywine Global Fixed

Income Fund, Fidelity Broad Market Duration Pool, Fidelity Emerging Markets Debt, Labaton Sucharow, Landmark Equity Partners XV, Landmark Real Estate Partners VI, Loomis Sayles US High Yield Fund, People United Bank, RBC International Fund, RhumbLine EAFE Index Fund, RhumbLine Russell 1000 Growth Index Fund, RhumbLine Russell 1000 Value Index Fund, RhumbLine Russell 1000 Index Fund.

Monagle moved to adjourn at 2:30 PM.